

The
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of
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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THE DORSET HOUSE SCHOOL

The School, the oldest in the country, prepares students for the Diploma examinations of the Association of Occupational Therapists. Founded in Bristol in 1930, by Dr. Elizabeth Casson, the pioneer of the training of Occupational Therapists in this country, it was, in the last war, invited to the Midlands, to run the Ministry of Health's special training courses for the Emergency Medical Service, the experimental forerunner of the National Health Service.

In 1946 the School settled in Oxford, and is grateful to the "Town and Gown" of that city for the welcome given, and the consistent interest shown in its work.

The School became a non-profit making company in 1948. It provides a complete training for Occupational Therapists for work in all types of Hospitals and Rehabilitation Centres, and makes a special point of having highly qualified Tutors and Instructors. It is also fortunate in being helped by specialist Lecturers, who are members of the University and Hospital staffs, and in having access to Oxford libraries and museums.

Occupational Therapy has been described as any work, or recreational activity . . . definitely prescribed by physician or surgeon for the purpose of aiding recovery from disease or injury, or of contributing to resettlement. It has come to be recognized as a profession supplementary to medicine.

Much of the practice is carried out in hospitals in the National Health Service, but there is also work in independent homes and hospitals, under Local Authorities, and in schools for the handicapped. Posts are available abroad for those with experience, and many of the pioneering ventures in training and practice in Europe and the Commonwealth, have been inaugurated by graduates from this school.

Scope, Therapeutic and Rehabilitative, in cases of:

Mental disease and sub-normality.

Physical illness, including heart disease, rheumatism and tuberculosis, accident or disability, including orthopaedic conditions.

Occupational Therapy is carried on in hospitals and rehabilitation centres, and in patients' homes, and includes work with people of all ages.

Qualifications for an Occupational Therapist:

Tact, good judgment, integrity, and a mature outlook.

Initiative and enterprise.

A real interest in people.

Organizing and executive ability.

Serious interest in medical treatment.

The Training Course

The course covers the study of:

- I. Anatomy and Physiology, and the Psychology of Personality and Human Relations.
- II. Medicine and Surgery, and Psychiatry.
- III. Activities, intellectual and practical, including recreations, and their therapeutic application.
- IV. (a) The use of occupations for the prevention and treatment of disability, and for assessment, re-training and re-establishment of the patients.
(b) Departmental administration, book-keeping and record-keeping, and the organization of group and individual activities. An introduction to work study.
and
- V. Clinical work in hospitals of all kinds and with home-bound cases. For this students are seconded to hospital and other occupational therapy departments in and outside Oxford. For part of the time students are based on London, where there is a tutor, appointed

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Conditions of Admission to the course

(See page 3 of the Prospectus)

With increasing demands on the trained occupational therapist and increasing pressure on vacancies for training we feel it necessary to inform applicants of the extension of requirements for entry to our courses. All schools set their own standards. We, at Dorset House, have tried to take into consideration a variety of approaches so as to give some freedom of choice to those seeking entry here. We recommend, therefore, candidates to offer subjects in one of the following groups:—

- A. 5 "O" level (academic) subjects, plus not less than 2 (academic) "A" level subjects.
- B. 5 "O" level (academic) subjects plus 1 (academic) "A" level subject, plus a year's full-time approved* course, such as a domestic science or secretarial course, or one in another field.
- C. 7 "O" level subjects (academic), plus 1 "A" level (academic) subject.
- D. 7 "O" level subjects (academic), plus 1 full-time approved* course.

Any variation on the above would need to be agreed with the school. Special consideration will always be given to the applications of older candidates, and those with University degrees may apply for shortened courses.

It is intended that these requirements shall be applied in the case of entrants to the course starting in September, 1963, onwards. It is already apparent that many candidates entering before this can meet these requirements, and competition for entry will therefore be on this basis.

We would draw the attention of applicants to the excellent courses and facilities being offered in Technical and Art Schools, through which they may be able to attain the required standard at moderate expense.

* "Approved" indicates submission of the prospectus and course plan to the Dorset House School authorities for recognition.

by the school, to supervise their work. The school has training affiliations with hospitals where there are some of the most outstanding rehabilitation units in the country. Instruction and case studies are given by Medical Officers, trained Occupational Therapists and Tutors. At the end of the course further student practice, with, in some cases, hospitality, can be arranged in America, Switzerland and France.

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An adequate standard of theoretical examination capacity is necessary in applicants for training. Personal qualities as well as academic attainment are taken into consideration.

No application can be considered until a candidate has attained a minimum of five subjects at "O" level in the General Certificate of Education examination, or its equivalent; one of these must be English Language and at least three subjects must be passed at one sitting. (Domestic Science, Needlework and Crafts do not qualify among the five as they are practical rather than theoretical.) It is essential, however, that candidates add considerably to the above before entry, and other attributes being equal, preference will be given to those who offer subjects at Advanced or Scholarship level.

It cannot be stressed too much that all candidates should have as wide a general education as possible, and should not be encouraged to leave School too soon, nor to specialize too early. Further education in the post General Certificate period is considered of particular value.

A First-Aid Certificate (of the St. John Ambulance Brigade or the British Red Cross Society) is a requisite, but if candidates are unable to obtain one before entry, they are allowed to do so, as an extra, in their first year.

Subjects recommended for candidates wishing to train in Occupational Therapy are:—

Anatomy
and/or Biology
and/or Physics
and/or Chemistry
English (see page 3)
Mathematics
Latin
History
Geography
Modern Languages
Art, Music, etc.

Suggestions to Candidates Considering the Training

Students are not accepted under 18 and 3 months. Younger students who are waiting for entry are recommended to continue with Sixth Form work at School, preferably taking Advanced Level subjects. Courses in Shorthand, Typing and Book-keeping, or Domestic Science are useful to fill in time after Sixth form work at school, as is a full-time course at an Art School.

Older Candidates are welcomed and special consideration is given to the requirements of each. Pre-requisites may be varied in such cases but it is essential that they should offer evidence of work or study of value as a preliminary to training. Some concessions in length of course and/or fees may be made.

There is no particular age limit for the course but Candidates over forty are apt to find it strenuous.

Residence

A watch is kept over the students' health and living conditions.

Harberton House, a hostel intended particularly for younger students, is situated in an attractive residential part of Oxford.

Older students may be resident in lodgings. Because requirements vary considerably these are not allocated, but help is given in choosing suitable accommodation. All lodgings have to be approved by the Welfare Officer.

Length of Course—Three calendar years.

Students enter for training in March and September of each year.

For candidates offering special qualifications, shortened courses are arranged at the discretion of the School authorities.

Professional Prospects

Assistant Occupational
Therapists, £500–£620
Single-handed or Senior
Occupational Therapists,
£580–£710

Posts are
usually
non-resi-
dent

{ Higher paid posts
are available up to
£970 p.a. or more.

The profession is still in a pioneer stage, and a great deal depends upon personality, keenness, enterprise, and a thorough training. Posts are not guaranteed, but all students who have qualified at the School have obtained appointments so far, both at home and abroad.

Fees for Tuition

Fees are payable each term in advance (in the first eight days of term) and are not returnable. They are subject to revision, if costs change materially during the course.

September entry

35 guineas per term for nine terms.

March entry

Initial Fees	20 guineas
Thereafter	35 guineas per term for seven terms
Long Final Term	50 guineas

A registration fee of £5 5s. is payable on acceptance, £4 4s. of which are returnable if a candidate withdraws not less than six months before she is due to start training.

If for any reason a student has to terminate her course, a term's notice is required, or fees must be paid in lieu.

Extras

Books, Materials, Uniform and Examination Fees: approximately £60-£80.

(A list of requirements is supplied to each student on enrolment.)

Fees for Residence

The charge at *Harberton House* is £4 15s. per week.

The charge for lodgings varies: it is best to allow from 4 guineas to 5 guineas per week for living expenses.

Grants are available from Local Education Authorities for training in Occupational Therapy. They may cover fees and/or maintenance. Intending students are advised to enquire from The Director of Education in their home districts, for conditions of grant aid.

No student is received without a personal interview, and the first three months are in all cases probationary. At the end of this time the School Authorities reserve the right to accept or refuse any candidate for continued training. The School Authorities also reserve the right to take appropriate disciplinary action or to terminate the training of a student at any time throughout the course, without refund of fees, if by conduct, character, or lack of consistency of work, she falls below the standards required to attain proper professional responsibility and integrity.

Interviews are given on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointments are offered on receipt of the completed application form (which puts the candidate under no obligation).

Interviews before candidates have passed the General Certificates of Education at the required minimum level are given only in exceptional circumstances.

Candidates should, before or after interview, visit at least one hospital department of Occupational Therapy, to observe the work. The School will be glad to give introductions for these visits if necessary.

Post-Graduate Courses

These are arranged by the school for trained Occupational Therapists. Separate particulars may be obtained from the Principal:

The Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy,
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